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Applicant: Naoki AYAI et al.

Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OXIDE SUPERCONDUCTING WIRE, OXIDE SUPERCONDUCTING WIRE, SUPERCONDUCTING COIL AND SUPERCONDUCTING APPARATUS

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, Claims 14-26, drawn to an oxide superconducting wire, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Furthermore, Applicant hereby elects Species A, claims 14-21 and 23-26, drawn to an oxide superconducting wire wherein the oxide superconducting wires are tape-like wires having rectangular cross sections.

Still further, Applicant hereby elects Sub-Species a), claims 14-19, 21 and 23-26, drawn to an oxide superconducting wire wherein the junction includes an end portion having a V shape in the plane.

Claim 18 is generic to the Sub-Species a) and b) listed in the Office Action, and claim 15 is generic to the Species A and B listed in the Office Action.

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Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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